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Manual Scavenging under SECC
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government is aware of the fact that the socio-economic survey released earlier this month show that 0.10% of rural India is still working in manual scavenging, if so the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(b) The steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure abolition of the said profession?

Answer

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a): The Ministry of Rural Development launched a Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011 which was carried out by the respective State/Union Territory Government with the financial and technical support of the Government of India. In the question canvassed in the SECC by States/UTs, on whether any member of the household is 'manual scavenger' 1,67,487 households reported as manual scavenger. State/UT-wise data on manual scavenger household is given at Annex .

(b): Under section 5, section 6 and section 7 of the "Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013(MS Act 2013)" there are provisions for prohibition of insanitary latrines and employment and engagement of manual scavengers. Under section 6 and section 7 of the said Act, there are provisions for imposition of penalty for violation of the above provisions of the Act.